

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/711,431

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 27 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5, 7-13, 15-17 and 19-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jon Gibbons on August 02, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

1. In claim 11, in line 1, change "...according to claim, wherein..." to "...according to claim 10, wherein..."
2. In claim 16, in line 2, change "...instruction of establishing athe..." to "...instruction of establishing the..."

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-5, 7-13, 15-17 and 19-23 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for the allowance of the independent claims 4, 12 and 19 are the inclusion of the following limitations that are not found in the prior art and they are uniquely distinct features. The closest prior arts are Rusnak et al (6,098,056) and Shear et al (2001/00442043 A1). Rusnak et al discloses a system for limiting access to and preventing unauthorized use of an owner's digital content stored in an information network and available to clients under authorized conditions. Shear et al teaches a system for rights management and protection techniques that fully satisfy the limited copy protection objectives while accommodating a wide range of more sophisticated rights management options and capabilities. However, These two arts, singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the following limitations:

"Claims 4, 12 and 19: reencrypting the decrypted content utilizing a unique local decrypting key;
storing the content in a library; and
decrypting at least part of the content from the library using the unique local decrypting key."

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3. The dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7-11, 13, 15-17 and 20-23 are allowed because they were originally found to include a unique feature not found in the closest abovementioned art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdulhakim Nobahar whose telephone number is 571-272-3808. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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